



ROYAL ALBERTA MUSEUM



A Northern Alphabet

Artist Ted Harrison is a renowned Canadian artist who creates vibrant, colourful works of art reflecting aspects of northern life. The Royal Alberta Museum is excited to host *A Northern Alphabet*, an exhibition of 26 works he created for his children's book of the same name. *A Northern Alphabet* will be open at the Museum from November 28 to February 16, 2010.

Originally published in 1982 by Tundra Press, *A Northern Alphabet* is an introduction to the alphabet through the landscape, people, flora and fauna of the Canadian North. By animating words with fantastic imagery—a blue beaver, pink clouds, purple smoke, a yellow ulu—the artist and educator integrated imagination and amusement with the study of language.

Harrison donated this series of 26 original paintings to the University of Alberta Art Collection in the name of the children of Alberta, for whom these paintings, and the book, were created. This exhibition of *A Northern Alphabet* at the Royal Alberta Museum commemorates the artist's first exhibition in Edmonton 40 years ago.

The exhibition, A Northern Alphabet, was created through collaboration with the University of Alberta's Faculty of Education and the University of Alberta Museums.